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City to get 24x7 water in 2 to 3 years

Rs. 260 crore DPR underway to ensure continuous water supply to all Wards: MCC Commissioner

Shariff

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (SBD&DM)- Mysuru city is poised for uninterrupted water supply as the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for a 24x7 drinking water system is being prepared, with the project expected to be completed in the next 2-3 years.

At a progress review meeting chaired by District in-Charge Secretary S. Selvakumar at the Zilla Panchayat Hall yesterday, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff disclosed the details. A DPR is also being prepared for constructing a 300 MLD (Million Litres Per Day) Wastewater Treatment Plant, with discussions ongoing for World Bank aid.

District in-Charge Secretary S. Selvakumar** (centre) **chairing the review meeting at Zilla Panchayat Hall in city yesterday as Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy and Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer K.M. Gayathri look on.

Currently, Mysuru receives 320 MLD of water, of which 220-230 MLD is supplied. At present, only five Wards benefit from a 24x7 water supply.

A Rs. 260 crore DPR is being developed to ensure continuous water supply across all city Wards. Shariff emphasised that this ambitious project will make 24x7 water a reality citywide within the stipulated timeline.

(See WATER on page 6)

Darshan visits Kamakshi Hospital for medical test

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (VNS)- Days after being granted bail by the Karnataka High Court in the Renukaswamy murder case, Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa visited Kamakshi Hospital at Kuvempunagar here to undergo a medical examination yesterday. Darshan was examined by well-known Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. Ajay Hegde.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Ajay Hegde said, the actor was suffering from L5 S1 disc prolapse due to which he had slight weakness in his left leg.

"We are thinking about evaluating the actor in a conservative method. However, he has been administered with epidural and nerve block injections. On an earlier occasion, Darshan had suffered a similar issue while shooting for a movie. However, the medical condition subsided and we are hoping that the existing condition will also subside," the doctor said.

(See DARSHAN on page 7)

X-mas celebrated in city

Archbishop Emeritus Bernard Moras leads midnight mass

Apostolic Administrator of Mysore Diocese and Archbishop Emeritus Bernard Moras carrying the idol of Infant Jesus to be placed in the specially decorated crib at St. Philomena's Church last night.

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (RK&BS)- Pomp and gaiety marked the celebrations of Christmas Festival today in various parts of the city. Several Churches, including St. Philomena's Church on Ashoka Road, were specially decorated for the occasion, drawing the faithful in large numbers for the masses conducted in Kannada, English and Tamil languages.

Apostolic Administrator of Mysore Diocese and Archbishop Emeritus Bernard Moras led the prayers heralding the birth of Jesus Christ, at St. Philomena's Church yesterday midnight.

Several rituals, mainly Bali Puja, was conducted at the crack of midnight, with the devotees singing songs in remembrance of the Jesus Christ, as Bernard Moras placed the idol of Jesus Christ in the specially built crib in the Church premises. The lamp was lit on the occasion, followed by a special message to mark the occasion, in the presence of Parish Priest Staney D'Almeida.

(See X-MAS on page 7)

Greetings

Star of Mysore wishes a Merry Christmas to all our Christian brothers, sisters and readers, who are celebrating the festival today.

—Management

To Our Readers

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 25th December 2024

City swimmers to feature in South Zone Swimming competition

Coach Pavan Kumar seen with the medal winning swimmers.

Mysuru, Dec. 25 - Subrahmanya Jeevamsh, Rutva and Krithik of Global Sports Association (GSA) Mysuru, who took part in the State Short Course Swimming Championship organised by Karnataka State Swimming Association at Basavanagudi Swimming Pool in Bengaluru recently, have been selected to represent the State at the South Zone Swimming Competition to be held in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh from Dec. 27 to 29.

A total of five swimmers — Jeevamsh, Rutva, Krithik, Saanvi and Harika — took part in the competition and won four gold, two silver and four bronze medals.

Jeevamsh won three gold in 1500 mts freestyle, 200 mts and 100 mts butterfly respectively; Rutva secured one gold in 50 mts butterfly, two silver medals in 50 mts and 100 mts freestyle and one bronze in individual medley.

Krithik won a silver medal in 100 mts butterfly while Saanvi and Harika won a bronze medal each in 25x4 relay. They are currently training under Head coach Pavan Kumar at GSA, Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Swimming Pool in J.P. Nagar.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Today, December 25, marks the 100th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a towering Statesman who continues to inspire millions. India will always be grateful to Atal ji for being the architect of India's transition into the 21st century. When he took the oath as Prime Minister in 1998, India had passed through a period of political instability — in about nine years, four Lok Sabha elections were held. The people were impatient and also sceptical about the government's ability to deliver. Atal ji turned this tide by providing stable and effective governance.

A defining moment of Atal ji's leadership came in 1998 with the Pokhran Nuclear tests, conducted just months into his tenure. Despite global outrage and sanctions, he stood firm, asserting India's right to safeguard its sovereignty while advocating for world peace. This blend of scientific prowess and political resolve showcased his extraordinary leadership. Atal ji understood Indian democracy and also the need to make it stronger. Atal ji presided over the creation of the NDA, which redefined coalitions in Indian politics. He brought people together and made the NDA a force for development, national progress and regional ambitions. His Parliamentary brilliance was seen throughout his political journey.

When it comes to commitment to protecting our Constitution too, Atal ji stands tall. He was deeply impacted by the martyrdom of Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Years later, he was a pillar of the anti-Emergency movement. In the run-up to the 1977 elections after the Emergency, he agreed to the merger of his own party (Jan Sangh) into the Janata Party. I am sure it would have been a painful decision for him and the others, but safeguarding the Constitution was all that mattered.

On his 100th Jayanti, let us rededicate ourselves to realising his ideals and fulfilling his vision for India. Let us strive to build an India that embodies his principles of good governance, unity and progress. Atal ji's unwavering belief in the potential of our nation continues to inspire us to aim higher and work harder. *— Narendra Modi in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Mini G-Wagon for teens on sale for $1,10,000

Moscow: A mini Mercedes G Class SUV with an electric motor and luxury trimmings has gone viral in Russia for costing 11 million roubles (1,10,000 dollars) despite being somewhat of a children's toy.

A dealership in Moscow, Russia, is selling an electric Mercedes G-Class aimed at young people below the legal driving age for a whopping 11 million roubles (1,10,000 dollars). At only 800 kg, it's considerably smaller than the regular G-Wagon, and comes with a parental control function that allows you to limit the vehicle's speed from 60km/h to 40km/h or 20km/h. But other than that, it comes with all the bells and whistles of a normal G Class, including leather seats, a digital display, parking sensors, soundproofing, steering wheel controls and a rearview camera for parking.

Man with skull tattoo on face unable to find job

Beijing: A 24-year-old Chinese man with a skull tattoo on his face is not being able to get a job.

The unnamed man, shocked the country with his unusual look. The man claims to have been a rebellious youth who struggled with depression, found refuge in his tattoos. Six years ago, he made the radical decision to get a skull tattoo on his face. The design featured dark holes around his eyes and on his nose, teeth around his mouth, and a brain pattern on his shaved head. He was happy with it at the time, but quickly realised that the design was going to make it very hard for him to lead a normal life.

"I couldn't find a job, was often insulted by netizens when doing live broadcasts and it was very difficult to use Face ID on my phone. It was really embarrassing," he said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What are some of most common hair loss problems faced by people in our Country?

Hair loss is a very common problem which may be because of • Genetics which can lead to male pattern or female pattern alopecia. • Stress which release hormones that reduce anagen phase & lead to hair shedding • Infectious like Malaria, Dengue, TB, Thyroid, COVID-19 can cause telogen effluvium. • Nutritional deficiency 'Hormonal imbalance.

By Dr. Ravi S. - Consultant
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals
LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

No power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 25-As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation (KPTCL) has taken up its 3rd quarterly maintenance works at Bannur and Doora Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply on Dec. 26 from 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Bannur Town, Koodagalli, Bisihalli, Heggur, Athahalli, Kethupura, Rangasamudra villages and Gram Panchayat limits.

Bidaragodu-Kembalu Water supply plants, Byalaru, Doora, Taluru, Moodagalli (Katur) villages and Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, Nanjangud Division.

CESC public grievances meet

Mysuru, Dec. 25- CESC will be conducting public grievances meeting on Dec. 27 at Nanjangud Central Sub-Divisional Offices:

Bannur Sub-Division Office from 11 am to 1 pm - Bannur, Atthahalli, Kethupura, Rangasamudra, Beedanahalli, Hanumanalu, Koodagahalli, Bisihalli, Heggur, Maliyuru, Turuganur, Ankanahalli, Chidralli, Chamanahalli and Makanahalli residents.

T. Narasipur Sub-Division Office will be conducting public grievances meet at its office from 3 pm to 5 pm. Residents of Bhyrapura, Kiragasur, Gargeshwari, Hosakote, Tumbla, Muguru, Vatalu, Kothegala, Alagudu, Kurahatti, Madapura, Hemmige, T. Doddapura, Kaliyuru, Talakad, Bisihalli, Holesalu, Benakanahalli, Doddebagilu, Mutthalwadi, Somanathapura, Sosale, Ukkalagere and B. Shettahalli villages can attend and air their grievances/ complaints regarding power supplies. (Ph: 08221-295688).

WATER LEVEL

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Today's level **124.80 feet**	Today's level **2,280.02 feet**	Today's level **2,833.80 feet**
Last year's level **96.90 feet**	Last year's level **2,273.45 feet**	Last year's level **2,830.41 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,279.98 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,833.66 feet**
Today's Inflow **3,043 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,216 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **807 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **2,850 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **875 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Snowy Owls are the heaviest owl species in North America. That's because they need a large body mass and hefty amount of insulation from feathers to survive Arctic temperatures. Still, they're not heavy by any means; these birds weigh only 3.25 to 6.5 pounds on average.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A teacher was teaching about the animal kingdom. After a while she turned to Sunny and asked, Sunny, tell me, what is the highest form of the animal kingdom?
Sunny: The Giraffe, madam!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.28
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 106.89
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.22
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.75

VOICE OF THE READER

Fill this deep and invisible crater under busy bridge

Sir,

Recently, while traveling on my scooter from the busy Mandovi Motors junction towards Vontikoppal, I encountered a dangerous situation. A large crater on the road, located under the railway bridge (in the shade of the over-bridge), was not visible. My scooter hit it with a powerful thud and I narrowly avoided falling and injuring myself due to the impact.

As a senior citizen who deeply cares for the safety of fellow citizens, I urge the authorities to take immediate action to address this issue and prevent potential accidents in the future.

—V.S. Balasubramanyam
V.V. Mohalla
22.12.2024

Aradhana of Pejawar Seer Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji

Bhajans and discourse at Sri Krishnadhama

Sri Vishwesha Tirtha Swamiji

Mysuru, Dec. 25- As part of Aradhana of Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji, various troupes will render bhajans from 6 pm to 6.30 pm at Sri Krishnadhama in Saraswathipuram from Dec. 28, 2024 to Jan. 1, 2025, under the aegis of Sri Krishna Trust and Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali.

Also, Palimaru Mutt Seer Sri Vidyadheesha Theertha Swamiji will deliver discourse on 'Bhishma Parva in Mahabharata' from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm under the 'Jnana Yajna' programme.

On the last day of discourse, on Jan. 1, Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Yaga has been arranged in the presence of Palimaru Seer, according to a press release.

World Record of Excellence:

City Professor gets recognition

Mohan Krishna

Mysuru, Dec. 25- Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, has been recognised by World Record of Excellence, England, for his stupendous achievements in the field of Mechanical Engineering, Science Communication and Popularisation, Research, Astronomy Outreach, Social Service and Educational Consultancy. He was honoured in a function held at Marriott, Mumbai, recently during Eminence Excellence Award-2024 event organised by English Newz and Indo-UK Forum.

Karnataka Women Achievers Award conferred on Shubha Sanjay Urs

Shubha Sanjay Urs** (centre), **Founder-Director of Mysuru Literature Festival, was honoured with Karnataka Women Achievers Award (KWAA) for Literary Excellence during a grand ceremony held at Taj Yeshwantpur in Bengaluru on Dec. 15. Shubha Urs, also Founder-Chairperson of Mysuru Books Club-2015, is seen with KWAA President Spoorthi and actress Pooja Gandhi, who presented the award.

Smart India Hackathon held

Team Avishkari Nexus from M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, one of the winners of Smart India Hackathon Grand Finale, solved a problem on Space Exploration by AICTE.

Mysuru, Dec. 25- "Smart India Hackathon provided a treasure trove of ideas," said Parish Rao, Head of Manufacturing Practices, Neil Soft Limited.

He was delivering valedictory address during grand finale of Smart India Hackathon (SIH)-2024, jointly organised by Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and i4C (Inter Institutional Inclusive Innovations Centre), at VVCE in city.

Highlighting the importance of SIH in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, Rao stated, "SIH provides a treasure trove of ideas, many of which have the potential to evolve into successful startups. These startups act as catalysts for creating employment opportunities, thereby contributing significantly to the nation's economic growth."

VVCE was one of the 51 nodal centres across India. The event featured 24 teams and 200 participants from premier institutions across, who showcased innovative solutions to pressing problems provided by AICTE, New Delhi and Autodesk, Inc.

P. Vishwanath, Secretary of Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Sangeetha Garg, Education Account Manager, Autodesk, Shrishaila Ramannavar, Treasurer, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Mysuru, B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE & Nodal Centre Head, Shobha Shankar, Vice-Principal, VVCE, Devaraj Kumar, Nodal Centre Secretary, M.R. Pooja, Professor & Head, Dept. of CS&E, VVCE & Nodal Centre Incharge, Nithin Kumar, Nodal Centre SPOC were present.

Winners: Team PAC_BOT from KCG College of Technology, Chennai, solved a problem on Autonomous water surface cleaning robot by Autodesk.

Team Avishkari Nexus from M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, solved a problem on Space Exploration by AICTE.

Team Outcast from C.V. Raman Global University, Odisha and Team Silent Scars from Dr. N.G.P Arts & Science College, Coimbatore, solved a problem on Creating Toys & Games to increase innovation in children by AICTE.

Team Bengal Brainiacs from Netaji Subhash Engineering College, West Bengal, solved a problem on smart automation using artificial intelligence by AICTE. The winning teams received Rs. 1 lakh each.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Hostel admission

Sri Maddaneshwara Vidyarthi Nilaya, located near Hotel Metropole Circle on JLB Road, has invited applications from Veerashaiva community students studying BCA, MCA, MBA, B.Ed, B.E. and other professional and Post-Graduate courses for admission to the Hostel. The interested Veerashaiva community students can obtain the application forms from the Hostel warden during office hours. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2442012 or Mob: 88845-65185 or 99809-71176, according to a press release.

Deadline extended

Taking into consideration public interest, MUDA has extended the deadline for site owners/allottees to apply for available bit of land adjacent to their sites, to Jan. 25. The earlier deadline was Dec. 26, according to a press release.

Pensioners' Day

Pensioners' Day will be observed by Central Government Pensioners' Association, Mysuru, at Sadvidya Pathashala premises on Narayana Shastri Road in city on Dec. 29 at 10 am, according to a press release from Association President P.M. Parameshwaraiah.

Village Administrators

Out of 3,946 students, who have qualified in the competitive examination conducted by Karnataka Examinations Authority for the posts of Village Administrator, the list of eligible candidates from Mysuru district has been published in the ratio of 1:3. Candidates can check the list on the website *www.mysore.nic.in* or at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office, according to a press release from DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy.

Ph.D awardees

A.N. Shivalingappa has been awarded Ph.D in Anthropology by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis titled 'Dungri Garasia Budakattu Samudayada Samajika Mattu Arthika Stithigathigalu' [Guide: Dr. B.R. Vijendra].

M. Paramesha has been awarded Ph.D in Faculty of Mechanical Engineering Sciences by the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi for his thesis titled 'Design, Development, Fabrication and Testing of Eco Friendly Composite Material for Automotive Brake Pad Applications.' He worked under the guidance of Dr. G. Mallesh.

Lokayukta probe into CM's case

Report submission date extended to Jan. 30, 2025

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (BLU&BCT)- The Special Court for People's Representatives in Bengaluru has directed the Mysuru Lokayukta Police to submit the final investigation report against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah by Jan. 30, 2025.

The case pertains to the Lokayukta investigation initiated after the Governor approved an inquiry into the allocation of 14 Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) sites to Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi, in Vijayanagar 3rd and 4th Stages. These sites were granted in exchange for her 3.16-acre land in Kesare under the 50:50 ratio.

Three months ago, the People's Representatives Court instructed Mysuru Lokayukta SP T.J. Udesh to file an FIR and investigate the alleged MUDA irregularities involving Siddaramaiah. The deadline for submitting the final report was initially set for Dec. 24.

Under SP Udesh's leadership, the Lokayukta Police have been investigating the case for the past three months. Key individuals questioned include Siddaramaiah, his wife Parvathi, her brother B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy — who gifted the land to Parvathi — and Devaraju, the original landowner who sold the 3.16-acre Kesare property (Survey No. 464) to Mallikarjunaswamy.

Former MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, Chairman D. Dhruvakumar, former Mysuru Deputy Commissioner and current Raichur MP G. Kumar Naik, former Additional DC S. Palaiah, ex-Minister B.N. Bachhegowda, and several retired officials have also been interrogated.

Yesterday, Lokayukta SP Udesh appeared before the People's Representatives Court. During the session, complainant Snehamayi Krishna's lawyer, Vasanth Kumar, highlighted a Karnataka High Court order.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna of the High Court had extended the deadline for submitting the Lokayukta investigation report to Jan. 28, 2025, to avoid potential conflicts during ongoing hearings. The High Court also directed the Lokayukta to pause its investigation pending the outcome of a petition seeking a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the matter.

Citing the High Court's order, Vasanth Kumar requested the People's Representatives Court to defer its proceedings. Judge Santhosh Gajanan Bhat, presiding over the case, agreed to postpone the hearing to Jan. 30, 2025, and directed the Lokayukta Police to submit the final report by that date.

The Lokayukta Police are expected to interrogate several remaining individuals, including former MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar, within the next month to complete their investigation. The final report is anticipated on Jan. 30.

MLC C.T. Ravi 'abusing' Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar

Govt. announces CID probe

Bengaluru, Dec. 25 (KMS&BS)- The State Government has handed over the case of BJP MLC C.T. Ravi allegedly abusing Women and Child Development Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar, with derogatory remarks, to CID. The CID will also probe into the complaint of MLC Ravi on the murder attempt on him at the premises of Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi.

This decision of the Government follows the assertion of Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti that, he had already issued a ruling in the case, which he dismissed as a 'Closed Chapter,' besides apprising the Government about the Police entering the Soudha premises.

Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar, who announced the decision of the Government to hand over the case to CID, said that the CID has been categorically instructed to submit the investigation report within three months.

"We have been hearing varied views in relation to the case, with allegations and counter allegations being made in the case and the cases registered in this regard at the Police station. Hence, the Government considered it as a special case and announced CID probe into it," said Dr. Parameshwar.

Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar, who welcomed the Govt's decision, exuded confidence that truth will come out, serving the justice.

MLC C.T. Ravi, who also welcomed CID probe, however demanded that the probe be headed by a sitting Judge. One can expect impartial probe even at the hands of a Police Constable, but what can he do in the case of any pressure, asked Ravi.

"Hirebagewadi Police themselves can conduct the investigation, if they are not subjected to any kind of pressure. But given the amount of pressure in the case, it would be better, if the sitting High Court Judge heads the probe," opined MLC Ravi.

Now write Railway exams in Kannada: Minister Somanna

V. Somanna

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (SPN&TRR)- Union Minister of State for Railway V. Somanna has said that job aspirants can now write competitive examinations conducted by Railway Department in Kannada also.

The Minister was speaking at the valedictory of National Farmers Day (also known as Kisan Diwas, celebrated across the nation to observe the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and farmer leader Chaudhary Charan Singh), jointly organised by Federation of State Farmers' Association, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha, Hasiru Sene and State Sugarcane Growers Association at KSOU Convocation Hall in city on Monday.

"Youths of Karnataka are not showing interest in joining Indian Railways. There are about 12 lakh employees in Railways and in South India, about 99 percent of the staff are North Indians. After assuming office, I requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to give permission for the job aspirants to write Railway examinations in Kannada so that more Kannadigas can get employment in Railways. PM has agreed to my request and youth from Karnataka can now competitive examinations conducted by the Railways in Kannada. But not many are showing interest" said Minister Somanna and appealed children of farmers to join the Railway Department.

Referring to the farmers protest near New Delhi, Somanna regretted that, it is sad that farmers are still struggling as agriculture is not economically viable even after 75 years of Independence.

"The Central Government is never against farmers. It will function as per the aspirations of the agrarian community," added the Union Minister and advised farmers to peacefully negotiate their demands with the Government.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, farmer leaders from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana were present.

Octogenarian goes missing

Koragappa

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (KS)- An 83-year-old man, who left his house on Oct. 3 at about 5.30 pm, without informing his family members, has since gone missing.

The missing man is B.A. Koragappa, a resident of Paramahamsa Nagar at Parasayyanahundi village in the taluk.

He is oily red complexioned, normal built, oval faced, front two teeth missing, has small wounds on his leg and speaks Kannada, Kodava and Tulu languages.

Those having any information about the missing person, may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release from the Sub-Inspector of Mysuru South Police Station.

Obituary

W. John Bosco

Mysuru, Dec. 25- W. John Bosco (67), a resident of Rajiv Nagar in city, passed away yesterday due to prolonged illness.

He leaves behind his wife, children, brothers, sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral took place at Gandhinagar Cemetery this morning.

Crime Prevention Month

Seema Latkar flags off 5K walk

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (RK&VNS)- Hundreds of fitness enthusiasts including City Police personnel took part in the 5K walk as part of 'Crime Prevention Month' being observed by the Mysuru City Police here this morning.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar flagged off the walk in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple.

Speaking on the occasion, she asked people to join hands with the Police to make Mysuru a crime-free city.

Stating that the incidents of cybercrimes were increasing on a daily basis, Seema Latkar expressed that people, who were educated and knowledgeable, were falling prey to online frauds with the greed of becoming rich overnight.

The City Top Cop also stressed upon creating awareness on the stringent laws related to harassment on women, children and senior citizens.

The walk, which began from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, passed through K.R. Circle, D. Devaraj Urs Road, JLB Road, Ramaswamy Circle, Chamaraja Double Road, Gun House, Hardinge Circle and culminated at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple.

Prizes to winners were also distributed on the occasion.

About 400 Police personnel including DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraju, DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, DCP (CAR) A. Maruthi, ACPs C.K. Ashwathnarayana, G.S. Gajendra Prasad, Parashuramappa, Police Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors and staff members took part in the walk for a crime-free city.

Sodium Explosion Case

'Drone' Prathap walks out of jail

'Drone' Prathap

Tumakuru, Dec. 25 (VNS)- 'Drone' Prathap, who was jailed in connection with Sodium explosion case, was released from Madhugiri Jail in Tumakuru yesterday after the Madhugiri 4th Additional Sessions Court granted him bail on Dec. 23.

Soon after coming out of prison, Prathap criticised the Police action stating that while many across the country had done similar experiment using kilos of Sodium and had uploaded the videos none of them were being arrested.

Terming the Police action as 'selective,' Prathap said that he had conducted the experiment for educational purpose.

It may be recalled that Prathap had used highly reactive Sodium to create an explosion experiment at an agricultural pond near Janakaloti village in Madhugiri taluk. The video of the explosion was also uploaded in his YouTube channel. Following this, several environmentalists had expressed their concern and anguish.

Later, the Midigeshi Police registered a *suo moto* case under Section 3 (causing explosion likely to endanger life or property) of the Explosive Substances Act and Section 288 (negligent conduct with respect to explosive substance) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhitha (BNS) and arrested him on Dec. 13. He was produced before the Court and was remanded judicial custody.

Move to rename KRS Road after CM Siddaramaiah triggers debate

Siddaramaiah

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (BLU&BCT)- A Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) proposal to rename a stretch of KRS Road, from Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple to the Royal Inn Junction, as "Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga' has sparked strong opposition.

The initiative, based on a suggestion by Chamaraja Congress MLA K. Harishgowda, was approved during an MCC meeting on Nov. 22. Subsequently, the proposal was sent to the Mysuru DC for clearance. After his approval, the MCC published a public notice on Dec. 13, inviting feedback within 30 days.

The renaming aims to acknowledge Siddaramaiah's contributions to healthcare facilities on this road during his previous tenure as CM — Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, the District Hospital, the Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital and the Trauma Care Centre.

An insult, says JD(S)

The JD(S) has strongly condemned the proposal, citing that Siddaramaiah is the prime accused in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment case and is currently under investigation by the Lokayukta Police.

In a post on 'X' (formerly Twitter), the JD(S) stated: "There is no elected board in the MCC. The officials appointed by the Congress government have decided to name the road after Siddaramaiah as they are indebted to him." The party further alleged that naming a road after the "corrupt" Chief Minister involved in the MUDA scam is a "betrayal and insult" to the historic city of Mysuru and the State.

Legal action warned

RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna, whose complaint led to the registration of the MUDA site allotment case, emphasised the historical importance of the road.

Speaking to reporters, Krishna criticised the MCC's decision, stating, "Officials have unilaterally decided to name the road after Siddaramaiah, who is an accused in the MUDA case, despite lacking the authority to do so. Many citizens have voiced their objections, and I am also pursuing legal action against this. If the proposal is not withdrawn, we will challenge it in the High Court and seek action against the officials involved."

Written objection

Bhanu Mohan, President of the Environmental Protection Committee, has also strongly opposed the proposal, submitting a written objection to the MCC Executive Engineer. She argued that Siddaramaiah is facing multiple corruption allegations including the Benami Transactions Prohibition Act and the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Act.

"Naming a road after him sends a damaging message to society. Only after Siddaramaiah is acquitted should this proposal even be considered," she insisted.

It is the historical 'Princess Road'

This road holds great historical heritage significance. The stretch from Vartha Bhavan Circle to the Princess Krishnajammanni Tuberculosis (PKTB) Sanatorium is currently known as "Princess Road," named after Princess Krishnajammanni and Princess Cheluvajammanni.

It is a landmark route, beginning near the Railway Museum and passing by notable sites such as Vani Vilas Water Works, Cheluvamba Mansion (now CFTRI), Akashvani (All India Radio), and the residence of M.H. Krishna Iyengar — the scholar who decoded the Halmidi Shasana (inscription). Further along is the PKTB Sanatorium, Asia's first tuberculosis hospital, established in 1923 by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

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E-Tender Notice No. SG-SWR-PROJ-Kavach-UBL Dated : 20-12-2024

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Item of work	Approx. Value
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TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999 to run the Canteen in the premises P.K.T.B & C.D Hospital, Traum Care Centre, & Superspeciality of this Institution. The Tender documents may be downloaded from E-procurement website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 23.12.2024 and last date for submission of Tenders through E-procurement website is 22.01.2025 upto 5.00 PM. Those tenders which are not submitted with E.M.D. will be rejected. If, the last date for submission of Tender treated as holiday, the next working day will be considered as last date. No Notification in this regard will be announced.

Sd/- Director and Dean, Mysore Medical College and Research Institure, Mysuru.

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Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Congress President's new weapon to attack Modi

Sukumar Sen

T.N. Seshan

Rajiv Kumar

According to a report in *The Hindu*, the Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has said that the Election Commission of India (ECI), though a quasi-judicial body, is not behaving independently.

The provocation was the amendment of Rule 93(2)(a) of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 by the Union Law Ministry. This amendment has **restricted** the type of "papers" or documents that were earlier open to public inspection.

This, according to Kharge, is Modi Government's "systematic conspiracy" to destroy the integrity of the institution, the Election Commission. And, therefore, Kharge says that it is a frontal attack on the Constitution and Democracy.

Like the British King Henry VIII, who was granted the title '*Defender of Faith*' by Pope Leo X (1521) for his defence of the Catholic Church against the threat of protestants, Kharge seems to have become the 'Defender of Constitution' against the alleged threat to Constitution by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

However, when the Papacy refused to oblige Henry VIII to divorce his first wife and remarry, he turned against the Catholic Church and created the Church of England independent of the Papacy. Can we see a similar drama being played out in the Congress party now held captive by the dynasty? Time will tell, but we see the straws in the wind of such possibility. Already the I.N.D.I.A Block, led by Congress with Rahul Gandhi as Leader of the Opposition (LoP), has shown its disenchantment with the LoP. They have keenly observed his poor and childish performance in the Parliament and outside.

As the *de jure* Congress President, Mallikarjun Kharge (people know who the *de facto* Congress President is) has a responsibility to attack Modi and all that NDA does. **But sadly, there is no rationale behind such attacks, like in the case of ECI.** So, after the Home Minister Amit Shah episode and the bloody incident at the entrance to the Parliament House during the Congress protest that went awry, Kharge seems to have targeted the ECI.

It is difficult to divine the apprehension of the Congress President that the amendment of the Rule (not the Statute) would cause the destruction of the institutional integrity of the ECI.

When the President of the Congress becomes a doubting Thomas and wants a **public inspection** of certain electronic documents related to the electoral candidates, it is going to be a huge, complex exercise for the ECI. Yes, when individuals go to Court or appeal to ECI for clarity, such individuals could be allowed inspection. No wonder, the Rule was amended only to **RESTRICT** the type of "papers" and documents being demanded for **PUBLIC INSPECTION,** which if not amended will open a floodgate of demands in the **present vindictive political ecology.**

The ECI is one of the corner stones of Indian Parliamentary Democracy. No one should destabilise it for political advantage like the Congress does with the EVMs. When Congress wins, EVMs are good and when it loses, EVMs are suspect and are hacked.

To counter Kharge's fears, it could be said that if ECI is attacked or suspected of its impartiality each time the Congress loses, it may endanger the Constitution and as a natural corollary the Democracy.

After all, we have had a most commendable performance from this institution ever since the first general election was held in 1951-52 with **Sukumar Sen,** an ICS Officer, as the Chief Election Commissioner of India. He was even honoured with a *Padma Bhushan.*

The second Chief Election Commissioner was **K.V.K. Sundaram,** also an ICS, who wrote many books on matters of State, guided the formation of linguistic States and was honoured with a *Padma Vibhushan.*

We have had so far 25 Election Commissioners, including the incumbent one **Rajiv Kumar.** Some of them were 'His Master's Voice', some easily compromised to the powers that be and even entered the government. But, there were some who enhanced the esteem and credibility of the Election Commission like the legendary **T.N. Seshan** (1990-96). He even gained an epithet as Alsatian, an alliteration on his name, but referring to Alsatian dog, because of the dog's special qualities — intelligent, loyal, confident and courageous. T.N. Seshan had all these qualities. He redefined the visibility, transparency and the power of ECI, probably for the first time in its history.

Seshan became known for his electoral reforms. He identified more than 100 electoral malpractices, fixed them despite protests and reformed the election process itself, ending the evil of rigging, booth capturing and bribing voters. The later evil only to some extent. He strictly enforced the **Election Code of Conduct,** Voter ID and limit on election candidate's poll expenses. **Yes, may be he was not wholly successful nor his successors, but the steps he took had its impact on the conduct of the candidates.**

Unfortunately, the successors in office after T.N. Seshan were more of the crony types not inclined to implementing Seshan's reforms. It started with **M.S. Gill** (1996-2001) when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister!

However, he was credited with introducing the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM). Upon his retirement he joined Congress party and never looked back — became Rajya Sabha member and a Minister. He was the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports and he was the boss when India hosted 2010 Commonwealth Games that saw several cases of corruption and mismanagement.

Considering the way the ECI was functioning, despite political interference and individual Election Commissioner's career and political ambitions, the institution has stood the test of time. However, to protect the ECI from subversion by the Machiavellian politicians and some of its ambitious Commissioners, per force, amendments to Rules mentioned above are necessary. Let politicians of all parties ensure the impartiality and effective functioning of ECI which alone enables our Constitution to survive and Democracy to function.

Mallikarjun Kharge may find some other issues to attack BJP and Modi. Not the ECI.

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City to get 24x7 water supply

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MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff also noted that Mysuru generates 550 tonnes of waste daily, of which 150 tonnes are processed. Thanks to the 90% segregation of dry and wet waste, processing has become more efficient.

Accountability on Government funds

District In-charge Secretary Selvakumar issued a stern warning to officials, stating they would be held accountable if Government-released funds were returned unused. He stressed the importance of judicious utilisation of grants while ensuring funds are used solely for their intended purposes.

Zilla Panchayat Chief Planning Officer K.B. Prabhuswamy provided updates on the allocation and utilisation of Central and State funds under various projects and tenders invited for ongoing works.

Smart classes in 49 high schools

DDPI S.T. Javaregowda announced that a Rs. 1.58 crore tender has been invited for implementing smart classes in 49 Government High Schools across the district, with the project set for completion by January.

Joint Director of Agriculture Ravi highlighted farmers' reluctance to construct farm ponds due to a lower subsidy rate of 40 percent, compared to 70-80 percent for other schemes. Additionally, the high cost of barbed wire fencing adds to the financial burden.

Ravi also reported that 51 hectares of crops were damaged by December rains but assured there are no issues with seed and fertilizer availability.

Silk cocoon market expansion

Selvakumar noted a surge in silk cocoon production, with 2-3 tonnes arriving daily at markets. He directed officials to identify 2 acres of land near Bandipalya to address storage challenges as cocoon arrivals are expected to increase to 5 tonnes.

Veterinary Department Deputy Director Dr. Nagaraj revealed that 11,298 kits of cattle fodder have been arranged to prevent shortages during summer. He added that 10 lakh litres of milk are collected daily in the district, with production up by 50,000 litres compared to last year.

Measures are also in place to control foot-and-mouth disease, and the ongoing cattle census will further support livestock management. The meeting was attended by key officials, including DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, and Additional DC P. Shivaraju, among others.

X-mas celebrated in city

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This morning, from 6 am onwards, mass prayers were conducted in Kannada, English and Tamil languages. Similarly, the masses will be conducted in the evening hours too.

Following the Christmas vacation, tourists were seen descending on St. Philomena's Church, which is also a prominent tourist spot, revelling in the festive mood.

Similarly, St. Bartholomew's Church, Wesley Church near Sub-urban Bus Stand, CSI Hardwicke Church in Lakshmipuram, Infant Jesus Cathedral on Hunsur Road, Sawday Memorial Church in Tilak Nagar, Yesu Karunalaya Church at Karunapura, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Srirampura and R.S. Naidu Nagar, have been specially decorated with illumination lights.

The spurt in vehicle movement, especially in the heart of city, contributing to increasing traffic density during vacations, gave a tough time for the Police to ensure smooth movement of vehicles.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

Christmas Eve celebrations by Mysore Hope Centre

Mysuru, Dec. 25- Mysore Hope Centre, a multilingual congregation of several hundred members, hosted its annual Christmas Eve celebration at Jaganmohan Palace Auditorium in city on Dec. 24.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar was the chief guest. BJP Minority Morcha President Dr. Anil Thomas was the guest of honour.

The congregation celebrated Christ's birth under the theme, "The Light has Come" based on John's Gospel 1:6-12 & 8:12. Several carols in various languages were sung, including a Bharatanatyam worship song adding fervour to the celebration. A shadow dance was performed which meaningfully communicated the journey of Christ's birth.

Speaking on the occasion, Yaduveer said Christmas brings all people together and Mysuru being a historical place, it allows freedom of worship. He also lit the first candle as the congregation worshipped in singing "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Mysore Hope Centre serves the city through its weekly ou reaches to street dwellers and those in the hospitals. Their mission is to Live like Christ, Love like Christ did, and Lead like Christ.

Three-day musical tribute to late actors, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu from tomorrow

Kuvempu *Dr. Rajkumar* *Dr. Vishnuvardhan* *Shankar Nag*

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (MTY&VNS)- Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishath, Mysuru Unit, Gana Nandana Institute and Vidyullahari have jointly organised a three-day programme in memory of late thespian Dr. Rajkumar and late actors Dr. Vishnuvardhan and Shankar Nag along with a tribute to Rashtrakavi Kuvempu from Dec. 26 to Dec. 28 at Nada Brahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road.

Addressing the press persons, Vidyullahari Institute Manager Dr. A.D. Srinivasan said the event would feature rendition of songs featuring the late actors.

On Dec. 26, tributes will be paid to Dr. Rajkumar and Dr. Vishnuvardhan at 5 pm. On Dec. 27, the rendition of songs featuring Shankar Nag from 4.30 pm and the event on Dec. 28 will pay tributes to Kuvempu and singer Dr. Ashwath at 5 pm. Entry is free for all three days.

Gana-Nandana Institute President N. Bettegowda and Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishath, Mysuru Unit, President Nagaraj Bairy were present.

BJP leaders pay tributes to Atal Bihari Vajpayee

BJP leaders offering floral tributes to the portrait of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his birth centenary at the party office in city this morning. Seen in the picture are BJP State Vice-President M. Rajendra, Mysuru (Rural) District BJP President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, City President L. Nagendra, KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former Mayor Shivakumar and others.

Darshan visits Kamakshi Hospital for medical test

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"While Darshan is open for any treatment, his main concern is whether he would be able to perform the stunts once he commences shooting for the movie if he is operated upon," said Dr. Ajay Hegde.

Mentioning that Darshan would be coming for another review in some days, Dr. Ajay Hegde mentioned that the actor had been advised to undergo drug therapy and physiotherapy.

Meanwhile, on hearing about their favourite actor's visit to the hospital, a large number of his fans assembled in front of Kamakshi Hospital to have a glimpse of Darshan, who has been maintaining a low profile since his release from the Ballari jail. People were seen screaming his name.

Soon after undergoing the medical examination, Darshan left for his farmhouse on T. Narasipur Road where he has been staying ever since the Court permitted him to visit Mysuru for 15 days.

It may be recalled that the actor, before being granted regular bail by the Karnataka High Court, was granted interim bail on medical grounds to undergo treatment for his medical condition. Following this, he was released from Ballari jail and was admitted to BGS Hospital in Kengeri near Bengaluru and later discharged.

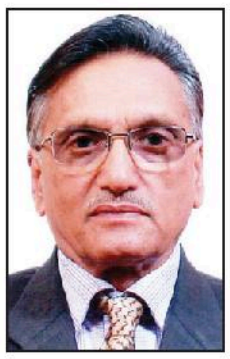
The High Court, which granted bail to the actor on Dec. 13, had laid down the condition not to travel beyond the Court's jurisdiction. Following this, Darshan's advocates moved the 57th CCH Court seeking four-week permission for the actor to stay in Mysuru. However, the Court granted only 15 days permission till Jan. 5, 2025.

New Bus Terminal at Bannimantap

Another ostrich policy of KSRTC

By R. Chandra Prakash

A proposal for a new Bus Terminal at Bannimantap has been announced by the KSRTC. As per its public statement, a Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been sent to government for approval. Even though the details of DPR is not made public, from the available information one can foresee a disaster in waiting. The proposed Bus Stand is to be located on 14 acres of land carved out of the 65 acres of KSRTC Depot at Bannimantap.



Chandra Prakash

The Terminal will be facing Highway Circle Road (Nelson Mandela Road, also called Bannimantap Road). On its Eastern side, it will be facing heritage Banni Mantap (with Banni Tree) with its Stadium. These two areas will be dissected by existing 12-metre road linking Nelson Mandela Road with Shivarathreeshwara Nagar. The proposal includes a construction of 15-metre wide road going around on its Western and Northern side linking Nelson Mandela Road with pre-existing 12-metre road on its Eastern side.

Anticipated Benefits

The KSRTC press release states that *"Currently, the rural bus stand, which spreads over four acres of land, is congested. The Division is finding it difficult to operate all its fleet of 2,600 buses on different routes from this bus stand."* It is very simple justification, therefore, that a shift from present four acres to 14 acres will facilitate a very convenient and comfortable area for the KSRTC to operate all its fleet of buses from the proposed new Terminal at Bannimantap.

However, it overlooks many vital facts.

Residential & Educational Area

KSRTC's Divisional Central Offices and Depots are located in MCC Ward No. 8 which has a small spread of only 1.90-km area. This ward has a highly priced and thickly populated residential neighbourhood. It is also surrounded by institutions of higher education such as St. Philomena's College, Government College, JSS Medical Institutions Complex, schools, a polytechnic, to mention only a few. This ward is commercially vibrant. It also has a very active industrial area on its Western side adjoining HUDCO Layout.

Congested Roads

The proposed Terminal has its front facing to Nelson Mandela Road. It is a 25-metre road and an important arterial road connecting Eastern and Western side of the city. Both the sides of this main road has thickly populated residential localities, commercial complexes, as also industrial units. Consequently, the current density of traffic on this road is already very high. **So much so, even now the entry and exit of KSRTC buses from and to the Depots themselves are facing immense traffic bottlenecks. This is also an accident-prone area.**

Further, the road in between proposed Bus Terminal and Banni Mantap is only 12-metre wide. Even if the authorities provide more space between this road and the terminal within its area, the outside width of road itself cannot be extended.

Disaster in Waiting

As per the press release, currently a fleet of only 2,600 buses are operating from Nilgiri-Bengaluru Road Bus Stand. This itself is going to be a very huge number in terms of additional traffic to be generated by the new bus stand. Even if the KSRTC tries to spread the entry and exit on the three roads around it, heavy duty bus traffic is surely going to play havoc in already heavy traffic area.

There is no scope for any further expansion of roads! It does not need an expert to guess what will be the situation in future.

Report of DCT & T Plan

In 2010, **a Development of Comprehensive Traffic & Transport Plan (DCT & T Plan) for Mysuru** was submitted. While justifying the need for Outer Ring Road (ORR), the Report noted the situation on Bannimantap Road as follows:

The problem was worse, especially near Old RMC and Bannimantap leading to Bangalore Road and pollution caused by automobiles in the city centre was perceived to be higher than in other areas of Mysore. This was corroborated by the findings of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, which pointed out that dust content in the air in the centre was abnormally high. Besides the environmental factor, the Outer Ring Road was also perceived as necessary to improve the intra-city transportation system.

That was 2010, but since then the traffic situation on the road mentioned has multiplied many times and might have over-taken the relief derived from the Outer Ring Road! Rather, as the Outer Ring Road is located not far behind the KSRTC Depot, total pollution in the area mentioned in the above Report might itself have multiplied due to heavy traffic on ORR!

Let us consider the findings of another Report.

Temporal Study Report

A *Temporal Study Report* (Vol-1 and Vol-2) was submitted to KSRTC in 2015 by Kimley Horn Consulting and Engineering, New Delhi. The Report was about Monitoring and Evaluation of Deployment of ITS at KSRTC. Its survey stated that the density of traffic at the Fountain Circle and the Columbia Asia Circle (presently Manipal Hospital Circle) was very high. Between 9 am and 9 pm, the traffic was between 2,200 and 2,800 vehicles at the Fountain Circle, and between 1,500 and 1,800 at Columbia (Manipal) Circle. **And these figures are nine years old!**

Presently, the traffic at Manipal Circle has increased geometrically due to new Access-Controlled Highway between Mysuru and Bengaluru. Substantial part of this traffic goes via Fountain Circle and there is a natural telescopic effect at this junction. So much so, the Traffic Police have been struggling with providing modified traffic movement and control at Manipal Circle, practically every month. **Now, a flyover is in the pipeline.**

As most of the buses from and to the new bus terminal will have to pass through these two Circles, obviously they are going to be severely congested. Therefore, the overall impact of the proposed new bus stand will not only add to heavy traffic but also heavier pollution in Bannimantap area.

Endangering the Heritage

The KSRTC Depot, where the new Bus Stand is proposed, has an important heritage place, the Banni Mantap/Tree on its Eastern side. The entire area is named after it. **It plays a very important role in the 'world famous Mysuru Dasara.' Even before the new terminal comes into operation, there are suggestions that the stadium located in the Banni Mantap compound could be used as an adjoining parking place to support the functioning of new terminal!!** It looks as if KSRTC has a never-ending confrontation with the royalty and the heritage of Mysuru!

Let us briefly probe into its history.

1976-78 Confrontation

By 1976-77, the demand for space at K.R. Circle Bus Stand had become very acute. A few years ago, KSRTC had extended its area on Sayyaji Rao Road, up to **Brahmapuri Gate of Mysore Palace.** Now it was contemplating to expand its area of operations beyond Brahmapuri Gate on Sayyaji Rao Road. That led to agitation from the occupants of the Palace as also the city's public, as such an act would diminish the heritage value of the Palace itself.

The country was going through Emergency in 1975. Late D. Jayadevaraja Urs (MLA,1972-78) was a very powerful political leader of the time, having close connections both with the Palace and the Chief Minister, late D. Devaraj Urs (1970-77, 78-80). He very strongly objected to any such proposal and directed the KSRTC to find an alternative place for expansion of bus terminal.

Hunt for a New Location

Salagar, a very soft spoken gentleman and a committed worker, was the Divisional Controller of KSRTC Mysore Division. Having completed the Urban Transport of Mangalore in 1975 for the Institute of Development Studies, University of Mysore, I was researching further on the working of KSRTC and was in constant touch with Salagar. Both of us started to hunt for a suitable place and among other areas People's Park, abandoned K.R. Mills and even the Bannimantap Bus Depot was considered. But all these locations were dispensed with, for one reason or the other.

Final Choice

It was then that both of us agreed on an abandoned dilapidated government school building with adequate open space on Nilgiri-Bengaluru Road. A Government Horticultural Farm was located adjoining this school on Irwin Road. It was an added attraction for future expansions. The new Sub-urban Bus Stand was established there. To begin with, only non-stop bus services were operated from here. But in due course of time, more operations of rural and inter-city buses were shifted to this Bus Stand and K.R. Circle Bus Stand became a City Bus Terminal. This is how any further damage to heritage Palace premises was avoided then. However, the proposal for new Bus Terminal revives the threat to Mysuru's another heritage place, now it is at Banni Mantap.

An Ideal Location

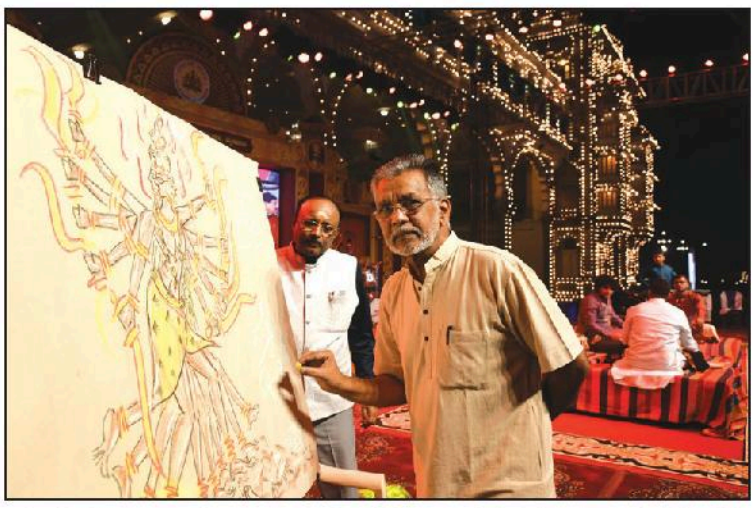
It will be wise to locate the proposed new Bus Terminal beyond the ORR on Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway. The ideal location could be somewhere around or near Naganahalli, where the Railways are also planning to establish an intermittent station to reduce the load on City Railway Station.

To facilitate easy mobility of the passengers, it would be advisable to locate the Bus Terminal on either side of the Highway with over-ground or under-ground connectivity. This will facilitate ease on both the onward vehicular traffic and the passenger mobility.

Present ORR can facilitate the outstation buses to avoid entering city boundaries and a faster bus movement. When the flyover at Manipal Hospital junction comes up, their movement will further be smoother. **Mere availability of land at Bannimantap KSRTC Depot should not be the deciding factor. Future consequences should be gauged keeping in mind the growth of the city and the resultant traffic density.**

KSRTC should come out of its ostrich-like policy making ■

Fusion of Music & Art at Palace



Vocalist Siddartha Belmannu presenting a music concert as part of Mysore Palace Flower Show at the Palace premises yesterday. Picture right shows artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat painting a portrait of Goddess Mahakali alongside the music concert as Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya looks on.

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (PM&BS)- The fusion of flute and violin concert, along with rendition of Hindustani classical music, captivated music connoisseurs, at the premises of Mysore Palace on Tuesday.

The Mysore Palace Board has organised cultural programmes, as part of the Winter Festival (Magi Utsava), that unfolded on Dec. 21, with the flower show.

While the music lovers swooned under the flow of music, art cognoscenti were treated to the genius of renowned artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat, who with his stroke of brush, created paintings of Goddess Mahakali, Radha and Krishna.

The Geya dance ballet recreated the childhood of Lord Krishna, that has been penned under the title 'Sri Krishna Leela Vibhuti' by D.V. Gundappa (DVG)

The flute concert of Shadaj Godkhindi and violin concert of Apoorva Krishna, brought back the magic of all-time hit film song 'Roja Janeman...' from 'Roja' film, ably supported by the percussionists playing drums, mridanga and keyboard.

The blend of violin and flute in 'Pahadi' raga, followed by the musical of 'Moodala Maneya Muttina Neerina Erakava Hoyda...' was applauded by the gathering.

Siddartha Belmannu, who presented Hindustani classical music concert, sang 'Bhavani Sridevi Narayani ...' By the time, the rendition of the song was completed, artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat had drawn a painting of 10-headed Mahakali, with 10 hands and legs, creating a sense of devotion among the gathering.

It was followed by another 'Krishna Nee Begane Baaro...' in Yamuna Kalyani raga by Siddartha Belmannu and painting of Radha and Krishna, by Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat.

An ensemble of 40 artistes presented Geya dance ballet, under the leadership of Vidushi Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan of Champaka Academy. Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan as Lord Sri Krishna won over the art lovers with her scintillating performance.

Deputy Director of Mysore Palace Board T.S. Subramanya and other dignitaries were present.

Fusion music performance of violinist Apoorva Krishna and flautist Shadaj Godkhindi at Mysore Palace premises yesterday. Picture right shows artistes of Champaka Academy presenting a dance ballet on Lord Sri Krishna.

Dr. Ambedkar and Babu Jagjivan Ram statues unveiled

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (MTY&DM)- District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa unveiled the statues of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Babu Jagjivan Ram installed in the premises of the office of the Joint Director of Social Welfare Department located on Valmiki Road in Paduvarahalli here on Monday.

The Minister also inaugurated the renovated office of the Department and unveiled several rare pictures on important phases of the life of Dr. Ambedkar that have been fixed on the inner walls of the Department.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mahadevappa said that the Department office has been renovated in order to facilitate smoother working of the Department staff in keeping with present day necessities.

Pointing out that the statues of Dr. Ambedkar and Jagjivan Ram will be an inspiration for students and other members of the public to contribute positively to the society in their own way, he called upon the officials and staff to work more effectively for the benefit of public.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, who unveiled the statues of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Babu Jagjivan Ram installed in the premises of the Office of the Joint Director of Social Welfare Department located on Valmiki Road in Paduvarahalli on Monday, is seen with City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Guarantee Schemes Implementation Monitoring Authority Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri and others.

Department Joint Director Rangegowda, in his address, said that a picture gallery on Dr. Ambedkar has also been set up in the Department premises in order to propagate the contributions of Dr. Ambedkar. The renovation of the office has been done at a cost of Rs. 40 lakh, he added.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Guarantee Schemes Implementation Monitoring Authority Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO K.M. Gayathri, Ambedkar Research Institute Advisor Basavaraj Devanur, former Mayor Purushottam, SC Welfare Department Planning Officer Mallesh, Social Welfare Department Regional Director Saraswathi, MCC Additional Commissioner J. Somashekar, Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation District Manager Shivakumar and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Brogue

Pronunciation: BROHG (noun).
Meaning: A brogue is a low shoe, usually made of leather, that is decorated with small holes along the sides at the toe, and that usually features a wing tip.
Origin: Did you expect brogue to be defined as "an Irish accent"? We're sure you're not alone: brogue has two homographs (words that are spelled — and, in this case, pronounced — the same but have different origins or parts of speech). The brogue that refers to the shoe comes from the Irish word bróg and Scottish Gaelic bròg, and likely traces back to an Old Norse term meaning "leg covering." (That ancestor is related to an ancestor of the English word breech.) Originating in Ireland, the brogue was designed to be a worker's shoe and was made from untanned hides. The "accent" brogue comes from a different Irish word, barróg, which can refer to an accent or speech impediment and translates literally as "tight grip."
Example: "Paired with a cropped white T-shirt, midi-skirt & brogues, Gigi [Hadid] was yin to [Taylor] Swift's yang." —Hannah Coates, Vogue, 21 June 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Barmcloth

An apron.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Bad money drives out good

Meaning: The proverbial saying 'Bad money drives out good' can be understood literally. It is known as Gresham's Law, which is that money which is labelled as 'bad' will harm the prospects of money that is labelled as 'good'. It is also used in a wider, non-financial, sense to mean 'bad things/people drive out good things/people'.
Origin: Let's start with what 'bad' money and 'good' money are. Coins used to derive their value from the value of the precious metal, gold or silver, that they were made from. A good coin was one that was freshly minted. However, good money could be turned into bad money. Unscrupulous people were in the habit of clipping small pieces from the edges of coins and selling the gold/silver obtained. A pound coin was still called a pound coin, with the value of a pound, if it was missing some of its edge. Continual clipping reduced the size of the coin until a point it was called 'bad' money.
Nevertheless the coin was still worth a pound. Anyone in possession of a newly minted good silver coin was tempted to steal some of the silver from the edge. After all, they would then have a pound coin and some silver.
So, the existence of 'bad' money caused all the 'good' money to disappear. Hence, 'bad money drives out good'. Bad money could also be made by adulterating the precious metal it was minted from.

QUOTE BOX

Your imagination is your preview of life's coming attractions.

— Albert Einstein

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

HOT HANDLE
HOT HANDLE

Answer : Too hot to handle.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 A rough-edged tool
5 Part of the jaw
9 In short, suffix of all Indian PLC's?
12 Goad a horse
13 French name
14 Debt note (abbr.)
15 Singer Amos
16 Swap
18 Defect
20 Majestic
21 Distributed cards
23 Malarial fever
25 Et cetera, in short
26 Russian gymnast __ Korbut
28 Controlled Flight into Terrain
32 Consumed - "tea" anagram?
33 Raw metal
34 Comedian Philips
35 Liquefy by heat
37 Another form of "Helen"
39 All points addressable, abbr.
40 Fury
42 Bitter to taste
44 Hollywood star Daniel ____
47 Female sheep
48 Causing persistent annoyance or resentment
51 ____ out : give out as rations?
54 Part of verb to be
55 Couturier Cassini
56 Australian birds
57 Acquire or receive
58 Miseries
59 Hindu deity

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	U	R	F	■	K	I	L	T	■	T	T	S
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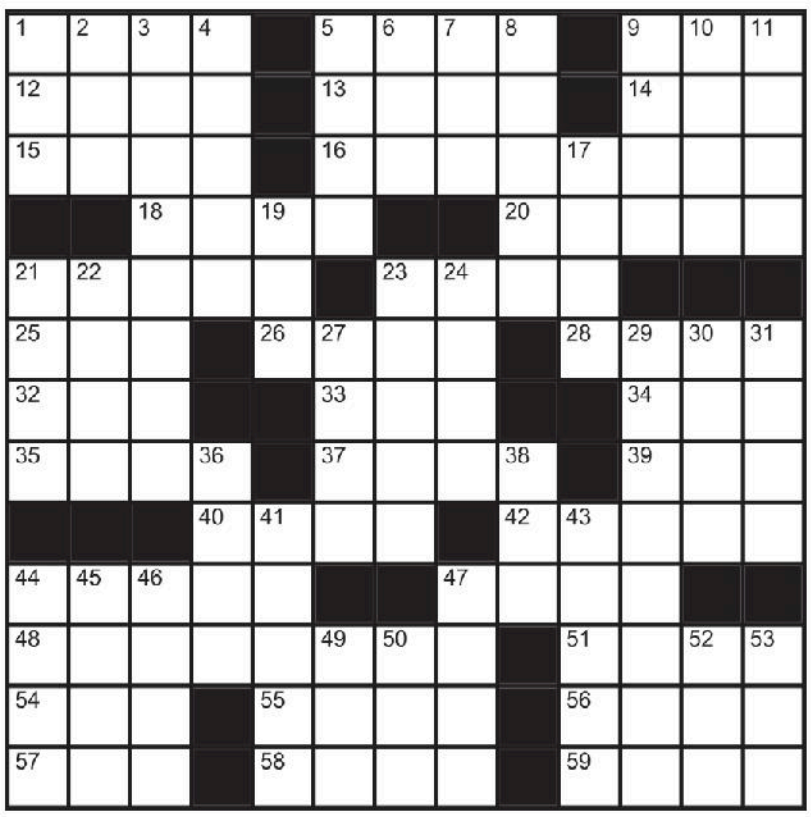
DOWN
1 Queue after Q
2 Asian Productivity Org.
3 Shows up
4 Convert into pellets
5 Working party
6 Jinx or curse
7 Incorporated, in short
8 First prime minister of India
9 Marine fish or diminutive suffix?
10 Roman dress
11 Fight between two people
17 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
19 From _ __ z : all (1,2)
21 Unable to hear
22 You too in Latin (2,2)
23 Concur
24 A Scot, sometimes an Irishman
27 Opposite of short
29 Terrifying
30 A body of warriors - "Pi Mi" anagram?
31 Frog-like creature
36 French composer ___ Satie
38 Tenet or rule
41 Shining or gleaming
43 Yielded or resigned
44 Steep rugged rock
45 Unusual
46 Without _ __ : without safety precautions (1,3)
47 ___ on : incites
49 U.N. arm
50 Before marriage
52 Son of Lord Rama and Sita
53 Eur. Space Agcy



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

5	3	8	1	2	6	9	4	7
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9	8	3	5	4	1	7	6	2
8	4	6	7	1	2	5	9	3
2	5	1	4	3	9	6	7	8
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KGH VGMHT VPSUH WT GSIPX HZZWZU MU KW FH TWSXN

MX OZHESNMVHU OMVJHN SO MX VGMQNGWWN.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS R

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Half the world is composed of idiots, the other half of people clever enough to take indecent advantage of them.

MOVIE LOVERS

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  Max (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Lucky Bhaskara (K) - 2 Shows; *Baby John (H)* - 2 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  UI - 2024 (K) - 4 Shows
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  UI - 2024 (K) - 4 Shows
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  Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Baby John (H) - 4 Shows

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Max (K)	(S-1)	6.30 am, 9.15 am
	(S-2)	6.40 am
	(S-3)	6.35 am
	(S-4)	6.30 am, 10.15 am, 1.10 pm 4.05 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.05 pm, 5.10 pm, 7.40 pm
Barroz (M-3D)	(S-1)	10.10 pm
UI (K)	(S-1)	2.30 pm
	(S-2)	9.40 pm, 4.25 pm
	(S-3)	7.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Pushpa The Rule Part-2 (K-2D)	(S-2)	12.30 pm
Baby John (H)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
	(S-3)	12.55 pm, 4.15 pm
Marco (M)	(S-2)	10.30 pm
Haridasara Dinachari (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am

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Max (K)	:	2.15 pm, 4.50 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	:	2.50 pm
UI - 2024 (K)	:	4 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Baby John (H)	:	4.10 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	7.10 pm
Viduthalai - Part 2 (Ta)	:	9.30 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Max (K)	:	1.30 pm, 3.50 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.10 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (H-2D)	:	3.30 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	7 pm, 9.45 pm
Barroz (M-3D)	:	3.45 pm
Baby John (H)	:	3.50 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.10 pm
UI - 2024 (K)	:	4.20 pm, 6.40 pm, 10 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (H)	:	6.20 pm
Marco (Ma-2D)	:	7.15 pm
Viduthalai - Part 2 (Ta)	:	10.20 pm

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UI - 2024 (K)	:	1.30 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	1.35 pm, 7.45 pm
Max (K)	:	3.40 pm, 4.20 pm, 6.30 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Baby John (H)	:	4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	:	9.30 pm

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UI - 2024 (K)	:	1.50 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Max (K)	:	2 pm, 4.50 pm, 7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	:	10.10 am, 6.10 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	4 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-2D)	:	4.40 pm, 7.25 pm
Baby John (H)	:	7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (H)	:	10.10 pm

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Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	:	3.15 pm
Baby John (H)	:	3.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Max (K)	:	4.20 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Rifle Club (Ma)	:	5.05 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	7.15 pm
UI - 2024 (K)	:	7.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (H-2D)	:	7.45 pm
Barroz (M-3D)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

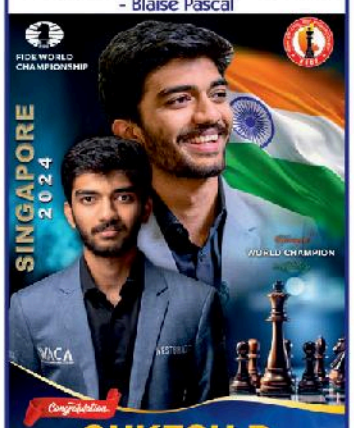
EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 25)

- **Mysore Palace Board:** Palace Flower Show, **up to 9 pm;** Cultural programmes - Classical Music by Nahar Gurudatta and troupe, **5.45 pm to 6.30 pm;** Karnatak Classical Flute Duet by Sangeetha Vidwan Dr. C.A. Sridhar and his son and disciple Vid. C.S. Keshav Chandra and troupe, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm;** 'Sangeetha Yaana' by *Zee Kannada* reality show singers Darshan Narayan, Aishwarya Rangarajan, Sunil Gujagond, Vasushree Halemane, Jnana Gururaj and troupe, Palace premises, **7.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** Living Style Exhibition and Cake Show from Dolphin Bakers, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**
- **St. Maria Montessori, Kindergarten & Nursery Teacher Training Institute and Future Foundation Montessori School:** 16th Graduation Day of the Training Institute and Annual Day of the Montessori School, teacher writer & Gamaka artiste Vani Subbaiah, Administrative Training Institute faculty Dr. J.R. Paramesha and Training Institute Course Director K.C. Roopa will be present, Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **3.30 pm.**
- **Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti - Sri Ayyappa Swamy and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill:** 25th Year Dhwajarohana Mahotsava, Deeparadhana, Yatre Bali, Yatre Homa, Outside Procession with vadyam, Deeparadhana & Arattu Procession with Thalapoli Arattu Puja, Kodierakkal (Folding of Flag), Bursting of Crackers, Attazha Puja, Kalasabhishekam, Seeveli, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, **4 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), J.P. Nagar:** Pejawar Prabhat Branch anniversary celebrations, wildlife conservationist, advocate and Aane Karoti ECF (Environment Conservation Foundation) Founder-Trustee K. Mekhala Kagli presides, Pranth Pracharak of RSS Karnataka Dakshin Pranth Guruprasad will be present, Pejawar Students Hostel, behind Vittala Dhama, J.P. Nagar, **5 pm.**
- **Agastya Credit Co-operative Society:** Anniversary and Consumers Convention, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar inaugurates, Society President M.D. Gopinath presides, MLA T.S. Srivatsa and District Co-op. Union President H.V. Rajeev chief guests; Sugama Sangeetha by Mysore Mahalingu and troupe, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **5 pm.**
- **Swarapaana:** Inauguration of a new music community 'Swarapaana,' Raghuleela School of Music Founder Dr. Sunitha Chandrakumar will be present, Sarada Vilas Law College, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, cultural programmes, Bharatanatyam by Maitreya Lalitakala Academy troupe, **6.30 pm;** Dance programme by Zeenath Begum and Srikanteshwara Educational Institutions students, **7 pm;** Western dance by Rohith of Urban Dance Company, **7.15 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by Natya Swaranjali troupe, **7.30 pm;** 'Nritya Vaibhava' programme by S. Sunitha of Chidambara Natesha Natyashale, P. Kalingarao Rangamantapa, Exhibition Grounds, **8.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Kannada and Culture Directorate, Bengaluru, Ministry of Culture, Government of India:** Niranthara Ranga Ustava-2024 (theatre festival), one-woman show 'Nirmadala Hoovinondige' by actor Indira Nair (Samathentho), directed by Sripad Bhat, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 26)

- **Mysore Palace Board:** Palace Flower Show, Palace premises, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** Living Style Exhibition and Cake Show, Maharaja's College Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **Vishwa Prajna Nursery Primary, High School and Composite PU College, Kanakadasanagar:** Prize distribution ceremony, Bhavishya Academy Academic Director M.R. Sudhindra chief guest, Vishwa Prajna Educational Institutions (VPEI) Member S. Satyananda presides, PKV Acharya Sabha Bhavan, Kanakadasanagar, **11 am.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Kannada and Culture Directorate, Bengaluru, Ministry of Culture, Government of India:** Niranthra Ranga Ustava-2024 (theatre festival), formal inauguration with Nagari and Tamate recital by Nagari Manju and troupe; Kannada Development Authority Chairman Purushotham Bilimale, Kannada and Culture Department Director Dharanidevi Malagatti and Prasad Kundur of Niranthara Foundation will be present, **6 pm;** Staging of play 'Thindige Banda Tunderaya' by Nirdigantha, based on 'The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui' authored by Bertolt Brecht, the play is directed by Shakeel Ahmed, Music by Anush Shetty and Munna, Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **7 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

MYSORE CHESS CENTER
"Chess is the Gymnasium of the Mind"
- Blaise Pascal



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